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In re Application of :
Leinweber, et al. :
Application No.: 10/559,719 : DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/EP04/05587 :
Int. Filing Date: 25 May 2004 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 2003DE428 :
For: ALKOXYLATED, CROSS-LINKED :
POLYGLYCEROLS AND USE THEREOF AS :
BIODEGRADABLE DEMULSIFIER :

This is a decision in response to the "PETITION FOR CHANGE IN NAME OF INVENTOR UNDER 37 CFR 1.182" filed on 13 June 2006. The petition fee of \$400 has been paid.

BACKGROUND

On 25 May 2004, applicants filed international application PCT/EP04/05587, which claimed priority of an earlier German application filed 04 June 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 16 December 2004. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 05 December 2005 (04 December 2005 fell on a Sunday, so applicants had until the next business day).

On 05 December 2005, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, a translation of the application, a declaration and the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c). This application was assigned U.S. serial number 10/559,719.

On 30 May 2006, a decision was mailed to applicant indicating that the applicant listed in the international application as "Grundner" is listed in the declaration of this national stage filing as "Rausch." In that this was clearly more than a mere typographical error or phonetic misspelling of applicant's given name, a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was required.

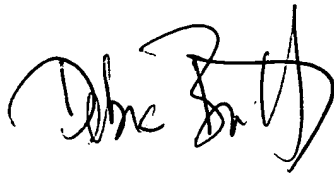
DISCUSSION

Applicant filed a proper petition along with the requisite \$400 petition fee. Applicant also filed an "AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF INVENTOR" signed by Ms. Rausch.

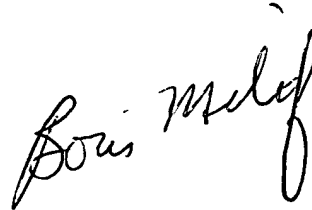
CONCLUSION

The petition for changing the name of inventor Rausch is hereby **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to national stage processing for preparation of the "NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and the according of a 35 U.S.C. 371 (a) (1), (2) and (4) date of 05 December 2005.



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